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FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 2, 1876.

CITY AND VICINITY.

Gold in New York at 3 o'clock 100

PROBABILITIES.—Blink to high south westerly to northwesterly winds, partly cloudy weather, stationary or lower temperature.

WOLF ISLAND.—The names of Wm. Grimshaw, Jr., and James Horne were omitted from the list of candidates for councillor by mistake.

SCHOOL ELECTION.—Several candidates are mentioned in connection with the coming school elections. A little lively opposition may be expected.

MCCOUGH'S CASE.—The Intelligence has been informed that the petition against the return of Mr. J. S. McCoug as M.P. for Prince Edward has been withdrawn.

POLICE COURT.—S. McMillan, James Swan, drunk, discharged. Michael Sullivan, assault, withdrawn. Armstrong McCormick, selling or otherwise disposing of intoxicating liquor contrary to law: charge dismissed.

LATE BUREAUCRATS.—Sheriff McConkey and Deputy Sheriff Smith left Barrie yesterday, having in charge John T. Lang and Henry J. Gould, the two burglars sentenced to two years and nine months each in the Provincial Penitentiary.

ENTERPRISING.—The two Toronto church papers this week present as the only news from Ontario Diocese the fact that the Governor and Princess had attended church near their home in New Edinburgh. Yet Kingston alone has had plenty of church news during the week.

POTTER'S CASE.—A Napanee telegram says that the horse stolen by Potter from Mr. Montgomery, of Colerbrook, was found near Sydneyham tied up in the woods! Only \$2.00 was found on him, he having spent the balance of the \$30 stolen from Mr. Galbraith.

THE U. E. CLUB.—A friend in Toronto writes us that the high toned U. E. Club is about collapsing, so far as the Conservatives are concerned, and that it is not improbable the rooms may be occupied by Liberals. The Yarrick Club has already sunk, the second within six months.

RETIREMENT.—This is the card which nearly all candidates for municipal offices are playing. Economy the electors demand, and the successful competitors for public honors will go to the Council with a fixed purpose and with promises which they will be justly expected to carry out.

COLD.—The thermometer dropped last night and the temperature was very sharp, forming ice thickly wherever the water was free of disturbance from the gale. The cold snap seems to have been felt severally all over the Province. The snow drifts have been the means of blocking railway and other roads.

THE SWART HOME.—The Oswego Palladium reports that James Ferguson to day received a letter from Benjamin Barney, of Kingston, owner of the schr. Sweet Home, which was wrecked at this port last November, asking him to take charge of the proposed suit against the owners of the tug M. ray, for \$2,000 damages.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.—The Chairman has called a special meeting for Saturday evening, at the request of a majority of the Board, including some of those members who did not present themselves last evening.—There were present last evening long previous to and at roll call: The Chairman, Messrs. Wilson, Watson, McCoug, Allen, Horney and Bajus. The roll was not called till 37 minutes past the proper time.

EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY.—A new monthly is being issued for the reading public. It is issued in the interest of teachers and is ably edited by Mr. G. M. Adam. Its first number is full of interesting matter, and will repay its perusal. Among the many complimentary notices of it we see one from G. M. Grant, D.D., Principal of Queen's College. It is independent of the magazine published by Messrs. Adam, Miller & Co., and bids fair to have the support of the teaching profession.

CUSTOMS CHARGES.—A rumor was circulated about the streets this morning to the effect that Mr. McColl, landing waiter in connection with the Custom House, had been superannuated, and that Mr. A. Hanley had been appointed in his place, but the report was not confirmed. We learn by a private letter from Ottawa that a son of Mr. J. Meagher has been appointed sessional clerk in the House of Commons. The Government is doing considerable for its friends, and there is considerably more to be done.

Week of Prayer.

The meetings in connection with the usual Week of Prayer will, (D.V.) be held as follows: Monday evening, Jan. 6th, in St. Andrew's Church; Tuesday evening, First Congregational Church; Wednesday evening, Chalmers' Church; Thursday evening, Bethel Church; Friday evening, Sydneyham Street Church; Saturday evening, Baptist Church. Each meeting to begin at 7:30 o'clock. An address will be given each evening, and a collection taken up for the benefit of the poor of the city.

The Trains and Mails.

The Grand Trunk trains are nearly on time to-day, despite the storm.

About twenty-five mail bags from New York, with delayed matters, arrived yesterday via Prescott.

The country stages and mails arrived behind hand to-day in a number of cases, and without the full complement of bags. The Cape Clear could not get through to the Cape or Wolfe Island even to-day. A mile of ice keeps the island bound in.

The mails were brought back this afternoon.

The K. & P. Railway train started out yesterday at 3 p.m. yesterday, and returned this morning, having failed to get through. The train starts again to-morrow morning.

A NEW IDEAL.

THE TRAP THEORIES TALK OF A KINGDOM.

We have pondered over the latest sensation, and the more we have meditated upon it the greater appears to be the bombshell which is to be fired a few days hence, and the effect of which is calculated to leave the city either without a Mayor, or the Kingston & Pembroke R.R. without a President; but it being a little late to resign the latter, the deputation of Mr. Gilderlove as Mayor seems to be inevitable. This is to be accomplished by a very simple process, for the discovery of which some one deserves a pat on the back. It has suddenly transpired that the relations which exist between the city and the railway are identical with those which prevail between the city and a contractor, and hence it is claimed that Mr. Gilderlove, as head of this new and popular road, is nothing short of a contractor, and as such is debarred by law from being a member of the Council under any circumstances. The point has been discussed by those who are opposed to Mr. Gilderlove on political grounds, and who, failing to find one whom they could place in the electoral field against him with any hopes of success, propose to annoy him if they cannot annihilate him at the meeting of the new Council by serving a writ upon him, a document by which he will, at least for a time, be prevented from taking office. Such is rumour. True only can certify or disprove it.

WIND WAFFS.

—Doroche post office has been closed.

—McNaughton & Co.'s sale will begin to-morrow.

—How the wind did howl yesterday and last night.

—How disagreeable it is for a coal stove to go out these cold mornings.

—The next week shall be mainly remarkable for the amount of hand-shaking done.

—Mr. T. W. McCrae is a candidate for re-election as School Trustee in Rideau Ward.

—An excellent Christmas supplement has been issued in connection with the Phrenological Journal.

—The "Postal and Commercial intercourse between the United States and Central and South America" is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Government office at Washington.

—Brockville Recorder: The Kingston News still insists that a majority of the Opposition has the right to decide who shall be leader of the Ontario Conservatives. It will probably lead to the U. E. Club has some control over that majority.

—Napanee is a fine place. Its citizens are divided into several distinct societies. For instance Piety Hill is noted for the residences of the wicked partners, Brooklyn where the ministers reside, Sheep Skin Flats where the coltish aristocracy and gossipers "hang out," and Slab City where the "upper ten" delight to congregate.

—A husband in Rideau Ward was heard soliloquizing thusly New Year's morning.

To quit, or not to quit, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to keep on paying the Government an outrageous fortune Every year, or to drop the lance and quit. And slink the pipe "six ways for Sunday." To smoke and chew, or whether both eschew: To quit right off, with a bang, or to never touch the dirty weed again. The good wife says it is a communication devotedly to be wished. "The mighty easy duty to say, but mighty hard to do. Ay—bet your life! To quit and then to hanker and keep hankering until your head is as empty as a speech in Parliament.—Not knowing what you say—Or do. To try to set control. And, losing them all self control, Get mad at nothing—kick the cat. Abuse the children, jaw your wife, And slam the door like a blast! Such thoughts as these must give us pause, And make us rather bear the ills we have Than fly to others that we know not of. Thus weakness dost make cowards of us all. And thus the native hue of resolution Doth pester out most awful thin.

Literary Entertainment.

The fortnightly entertainment of the Chalmers' Church Young People's Association was held last night in the basement of the above named Church. An appreciative audience was present, the greater majority of whom were members of the Society. After devotional exercises Mr. Rose read the report of last entertainment. Mr. W. J. Gage followed with a solo, "Pilgrims' Fathers," which he sang well. Rev. Mr. McCoug made a few remarks as to some improvements in the working of the Association. Capt. Middlemiss appeared for the first time and gave a recitation in excellent style. He was followed by Mrs. Wm. Leslie, who sang "Anne Laurie" very beautifully. Mr. Knight read a paper upon "The Support of Higher Education," claiming that the Government had no right to support higher education as it does in University College, Toronto, but that the money expended in its support should be devoted to Scholarships, Bursaries and Fellowships. A very animated discussion took place, Messrs. Gage, Macalister, Galloway, Chisholm and the President made short speeches, to the point. They all concurred in what Mr. Knight had advanced. Mr. Galloway sang in his usual excellent style, "The but a little faded flower." Mr. T. Dryman read "The Gambler's Wife" in a very impressive manner, which was well received by the audience. Mr. John McLaren closed the entertainment by reading "Father Groat's Sermon," which caused much merriment. The evening programme closed with the doxology at benediction, the Society to meet in a fortnight again.

Church Festivals.

At Zion Church Festival, Pittsburg, Dr. Wm. A. Henderson, of Kingston, presided. The readers were Rev. Mr. David, of Kingston, and Messrs. Taft and Hewitt, also of Kingston. Misses Smith, of Catarqui, and Francis, of Pittsburg, and Messrs. Heath and Daly, of Kingston, provided music. Rev. Messrs. Werden, of Estero, and Crozier, of Kingston, made that address.

The Queen Street C. M. choir of Kingston attended the tea-meeting in the sister church at Marvle and sang a number of pieces.—The literary department was sustained by S. Warner, Chairman, J. Treanigan, J. Medge, and Rev. Messrs. Ferguson and Gibbith.

THE THEATRE.

ALMOST COMPLETE FOR THE OPENING ON FRIDAY.

This new building, which has engrossed the attention of all the admirers of the Drama for some time past, will be very best company of comedians to ever visited Canada, that of Mr. McCall, of New York. It may be remembered that a few years ago Mr. McDowell, excellent actor himself, took to Montreal a Stock Company, in every sense the word complete, and engaging the Opera House, played in it with vast success until 1877, when, after making the lady address of his company, he took leave of the stage, and left behind him a very varied success, but a more excellent performance of the high rent of the Opera House, out of the way situation, and a strange of the still existing Theatre Royal building, made his enterprise a failure. This winter Mr. and Mrs. McDowell have resumed their profession, and happily making another venture. He has brought another very large company, Canada, and taking them to Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa, will make his bow in Kingston next Monday night. Success, say we to him, for if any man merits success it is he who takes the utmost pains to deserve it. But of him and his company we have no fears, for the people of Kingston know what is good when they see it.

LITERARY OUTLOOK.

A few paragraphs at the new structure enables us to say a few more words about it. It is nearly completed, except the decorations, as they are going on night and day. The structure of the interior is really beautiful, and the Proscenium is the handsomest of its kind that we have seen, not in size and magnificence, but in real beauty. We say this advisedly. The seats are very commodious and comfortable, cushioned, and lifting out to allow visitors to get to their places. The parterre is roomy, and a good view of the stage can be had from every part of it. The gallery is the highest, in all respects except for size, the pleasantest get of the house for seeing and hearing, and those who pay their quarters will have no occasion to complain of want of accommodation. This is as it should be, for the middle classes are the manager's best friends, upon whom often depends the success of the season.

THE MOST SUITABLE NAME.

Then as to the name of the new building. It should be called the Theatre Royal, for it is a theatre, and a very complete one of its kind. But a space, however desirably, cannot always be called a space. There are in Kingston, as in all other cities certain pater familias who, whipping the devil round a stump, would not like to see the ladies of their families sitting in boxes at a theatre, and yet would shut their eyes to the same exhibition in the saloons of an opera house. To this feeling the proprietor, Mr. Martin, must give way, consequently Opera House will be the name, though it is unlikely that opera will be much sung in it, unless indeed the Opera company should occasionally pay Kingston a visit. And then the fun!

Uranus.

This is the most recently discovered, and remarkable of all the coal tar or anti-line group of coloring substances, now so extensively used. Uranus is said, by chemists, to be the most highly fluorescent body known. Its coloring power is astonishing; a single grain will impart a marked color to nearly five hundred gallons of water. An interesting experiment consists in sprinkling a few atoms of Uranus upon the surface of water in a glass tumbler. Each atom immediately sends down through the water what appears to be a bright green rootlet; and this tumbler looks as if it were crowded full of beautiful plants. The rootlets begin to emerge, spread and combine into a mass of soft green-colored liquid. Viewed by transmitted light the color changes to a bright golden or amber hue; then a combination of green and gold will be realized. For day or evening experiment, nothing can be prettier than these trials of Uranus. We are indebted for these specimens to all their readers.

Boah!

SCHOOL BOARD.—This is the regular monthly meeting night of the Public School Board, and we understand that if a quorum be present there will be some fun. It is said there is a possibility of an attempt being made by some of the members to put off the meeting till after the election, in order to prevent any feeling arising from a change of base in the matter of the dismissal of teachers. We do not know if there be any truth in this or no.—None.

The above item is a problem which the readers of our contemporary are left to solve as best they can. If it had been suggested to burk the meeting last evening those who were instrumental in making the recent changes in the schools how nothing of it, and had no reason to expect any gain by it; on the contrary they would seem as if the dissenting members, who had arrived at the Hall door, had not entered the Council Chamber at any time within ten minutes of the time of adjournment, otherwise a meeting would have been held and there would have been no occasion for the issue of notice for a special session.

Combination Broken Up.

The news that the so-called Coal Combination has been broken up, by the failure of the Lehigh Valley men to put in an appearance at the meeting of the Board of Control, in New York, on Friday, will follow you in the cabins of the great lakes, and will do the work of a hundred times as well as the combination meant starvation for themselves and their families, while its collapse meant one more chance for life. While the combination lasted the supply was kept down and high prices maintained, its bust-up works a war of competition, plenty of work for the miner, for a while at least, and cheaper rates to the consumer.

Business Troubles.—The fallures in Montreal and Quebec for the three months just ended, are 63; 12 in Quebec with liabilities of \$764,000 and 51 in Montreal with liabilities of \$2,536,000; total, \$3,300,000. The assets of the 72 are reported at \$460,000 of the 51, \$1,862,500 or about 97 per cent of the liabilities.

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CUSTOM HOUSE.

RECORD OF THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

The Collector of Customs, Mr. W. R. Mingay, has been very prompt in the despatch of his annual report of the business of the Custom House, which is very satisfactory on its face. The figures which we submit will indicate the shipping trade of the past year:

LOCAL REGISTRATION.

Tons Measurement.

45 Schooners.....8,657

7 Brigades.....292

36 Barges.....3,968

1 Brigantine.....263

1 Barque.....888

58 Woodboats.....2,687

2 Steamships.....69

1 Steam Elevator.....69

14 Steamers.....6,123

205.....27,113

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

1877. 1878.

January.....10,088 51 13,939 98

February.....19,991 82 13,311 90

March.....18,791 82 14,490 74

April.....16,837 25 14,490 74

May.....15,872 92 14,066 06

June.....17,023 72 21,423 62

July.....24,307 52 21,062 05

August.....23,512 72 25,974 72

September.....22,164 37 24,623 49

October.....24,316 37 22,537 97

November.....16,936 43 21,802 83

December.....14,489 90 16,735 37

Total.....\$219,198 92 \$228,549 18

Increase for the year 1878, \$9,350 26

AMOUNTS OF GOODS ENTERED AND FREE GOODS.

Quarterly.

Amount of 1877. 1878.

March—Ex ship.....\$ 138,725 \$116,867

Ex warehouse 45,589 46,207

Free.....50,981 34,506

June—Ex ship.....139,335 120,444

Ex warehouse 33,716 37,600

Free.....167,671 165,042

September—Ex warehouse 89,093 91,340

Free.....3,817,509 2,677,372

December—Ex ship 107,349 119,100

Ex warehouse 81,725 81,159

Free.....1,463,225 998,512

TOTALS FOR 1877.

March Quarter.....\$ 233,246

June.....1,580,606

September.....4,074,273

December.....1,654,209

Free Goods.....\$7,544,813

TOTALS FOR 1878.

March Quarter.....\$ 194,460

June.....958,489

September.....2,934,114

December.....1,198,771

Free Goods.....\$5,287,774

DECREASE FOR 1876.

Datable Goods.....\$16,234

Free Goods.....2,240,805

Total decrease.....\$2,257,039

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

1877. 1878.

March Quarter.....\$ 215,839 873

June Quarter.....121,279 134,616

Sep. Quarter.....129,584 186,694

Dec. Quarter.....328,070 354,629

Totals.....\$630,148 \$735,012

Increase for 1878.....\$104,864

Social and Concert.

Last evening there was a large audience at the social and concert which took place in Sydneyham Street Church, for the benefit of the poor fund of the district. The entertainment was most favorable in its inauguration, an excellent and refreshing tea being served. Following this the concert commenced with a few remarks from Rev. Mr. Galbraith, whose complimentary observations were well received. The choir sang the chorus, "Great and marvelous are thy works," all parts of which were well maintained. Miss M. Bamford sang very nicely the solo, "Angels ever bright and true," and Mrs. W. Skinner and Miss M. Shaw played a brilliant piano duet. Mr. D. McIntyre read successfully "Cerberus must not read tonight!" Mr. Johnson read an interesting article, "No sect in Heaven," and Mr. J. Anglin recited a exceedingly amusing sermon, "Old Father Hubbard." The chorus "Come Gentle Spring" was rendered with vim and spirit, and the same may be said of the solo, duet and chorus, in which Miss Ford, the Misses Bamford and O'Neil, and choir, all acquitted themselves most creditably. The trio "Gently falls the dew of eve" by Misses McIntyre, Day and Bamford, was cordially received and appreciated, as were the choruses "Night's Shade," "Kyrie," and "Hail Smiling Morn" by the choir, the members of which during the evening manifested marked improvement and efficiency, and won many encomiums from the large audience present. The concluding speeches of Messrs. McCammon and Johnston, conveying thanks to the choir and others, expressed the sentiments which generally prevailed.

Private Examinations.

Mr. W. H. Fuller has received another communication from the Clerk of the Crown and Common Pleas, Toronto, stating that he had referred the matter of publishing the evidence taken at preliminary examinations, in connection with the election cases, to the Judges, and that they agreed with him that the press should not use it, the hearing being of a decidedly private character. We may add that Sir John raised this point at Ottawa the other day, and the Judge conducting the examination confirmed the opinion entertained by the Premier. Judge Price resumed Mr. Gunn's examination to-day. Dr. Stewart was excluded from the room.

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THE LATE APPOINTMENT.

THE SCHOOL BOARD'S MEETING.

Last evening the regular meeting of the School Board was called, but an adjournment was made, a sufficient number not having been present at 8 o'clock to form a quorum. Had there been a meeting the appointments would have been discussed, the question being revived by objection to the confirming of the minutes, though that course would have been irregular since the confirmation or rejection of the official records cannot affect the action of the Board. The adoption of minutes does not chronicle, but is a formal sanction of the work of the Secretary, which can only be attacked when any resolution or report is not correctly transcribed. It is evidently intended to "again debate the changes which have recently been made in the teaching staff of the public schools. What is to be gained by it we cannot conceive. The members are of the same opinion now as when the removals were made, and the Department of Education has fully and completely endorsed the decision of the Board. A quibble may be raised, a reconsideration may be moved, but the result will undoubtedly be the same. The new teachers have been notified of their appointments. They commence duty on Tuesday next, when the schools will be resumed.

The People Want Proof.

There